WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1		1.	A reconfigurable input/output controller (IOC), comprising
2	at least one input for receiving a point-to-point transfer instruction; and		
3	at least one output for providing a translated point-to-point transfer		
4	instruction to an external device.		
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6		2.	The IOC of claim 1, wherein the IOC operates within an adaptive
7	computing engine.		
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9		3.	The IOC of claim 2, wherein the adaptive computing engine
10	includes an interconnection network, wherein the external device is included in an		
11	external system, the IOC further comprising		
12	at least one input coupled to the interconnection network.		
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14		4.	A physical link adapter comprising
15		a first	configurable coupling to a first connector, wherein the first
16	connector receives a first set of signals of a first communication type;		
17	a second configurable coupling to a second connector, wherein the		
18	second connector receives a second set of signals of a second communication type;		
19	and		
20		a con	troller for selectively applying an output of either the first or
21	second configurable coupling to a common bus.		